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**FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir :

Further to the Information Disclosure Statements filed July 28, 2006, October 2, 2006, November 9, 2007 and December 31, 2007, and in accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants hereby bring the following information to the attention of the Examiner, which includes a European Search Report (copy attached) issued December 10, 2008, in connection with counterpart European Patent Application No. 08014224.3, wherein the following documents are cited:

WO 03/044237 A and family member US 2005/016636.

US 2002/189399 A1

J.R. DAVIS ED.: "ASM Specialty Handbook – Stainless steels" January 1, 1996, ASM INTERNATIONAL, Materials Park, OHIO, USA, XP002435193, page 6.

U.S. Patent No. 5,830,408 and family member U.S. Patent No. 5,942,184

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Applicants note that, with the exception of US 2002/189399 A1, the documents have previously been cited in the Information Disclosure Statements, filed November 9, 2007 and July 28, 2006. Accordingly, copies of the previously cited documents are not being submitted herewith. Moreover, as US 2002/189399 A1 is a U.S. Patent Application Publication, a copy of this document is not included in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98.

A duly completed Form PTO-1449 listing the newly-cited US 2002/189399 A1 is enclosed. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider the European Search Report, and the newly-cited document and to initial the appropriate space on the attached form, and to return a copy of the completed form to Applicants with the next communication in the present application.

Applicants note that this Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after allowance of the application..

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Applicants submit payment in the amount of \$180.00 for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement after allowance of the application. Moreover, authorization is hereby provided to charge any required fee for consideration and/or entry of this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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